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SUBJECT: USG ACCOUNT IN ICEM LOAN FUNDS 3 AND 4

REF: STATE 177939

1. IN LETTER TO ICEM, MISSION FORWARDED D/HA BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS IN ICEM LOAN FUND ACCOUNTS 3 AND 4 TOGETHER WITH FOOTNOTES TO EACH ACCOUNT. THEY WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE MISSION WITH REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 5 USING CRITERIA SETUP IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL.

2. ICEM HAS RESPONDED WITH FOLLOWING REPLY OUTLINING THEIR POSITION ON SUBJECT ACCOUNTS. WITH REGARD TO BREAKDOWN OF TRANSPORTATION AND BAGGAGE LOANS TO JAI AND HIAS, AND REPAYMENTS BY THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, ICEM STATES THAT ACCOUNT NO. 3 MAINLY COVERS LOANS AND REPAYMENTS FOR REFUGEES MOVED BY HIAS AND ACCOUNT NO. 4 FOR REFUGEE LOANS AND REPAYMENTS UNDER JAI.

QUOTE. IN SPLITTING CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ACCOUNTS, WE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM YOUR OFFICE WITHOUT CHECKING INTO THE WORDING OF THE ACTUAL APPROPRIATION. WE HAVE THUS FOLLOWED THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN YOUR LETTER BUT WISH TO POINT OUT THAT \$1,500,000 SHOWN BY YOU IN 1975 NO. 3 ACCOUNT WAS ACTUALLY ONLY RECEIVED IN OUR BANK IN 1976 AND SHOWN BY US ACCORDINGLY.

AS YOU POINT OUT CORRECTLY THAT DURING 1972/3 COST
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FOR REFUGEES EX-USSR TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL

WERE CHARGED TO THE NO. 2 ACCOUNT, WE DO NOT SEE THE LOGIC IN CREDITING TO THE NO. 3 ACCOUNT THE \$485,898 FUNDED FROM THE NO. 2 ACCOUNT FOR MOVEMENTS TO ISRAEL IN 1972. IT WOULD APPEAR MORE CORRECT TO US TO CREDIT THIS TO THE NO. 4 ACCOUNT OR RETURN IT TO THE NO. 2 ACCOUNT. WE HAVE THEREFORE SHOWN THIS TRANSFER TOGETHER WITH THE INTEREST ACCRUED ON IT IN A SEPARATE COLUMN PENDING YOUR FINAL DECISION.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INTEREST SHOWN ON OUR STATEMENT DIFFERS FROM THE ONE IN YOUR LETTER AS THE \$27,511 FOR 1972 WAS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY YOU AS INTEREST BUT DEDUCTED FROM THE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORTATION LOANS IN THE NO. 3 ACCOUNT.

THE TOTAL OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE PERIOD OF 1972-1975 AGREES WITH OUR RECORDS BUT AS YOU WILL RECALL, THIS WAS BASED ON \$2 PER CAPITA AND WE HAVE ADJUSTED THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN YOUR LETTER FOR EACH ACCOUNT ACCORDINGLY.

YOUR LETTER SHOWS EXPECTED PRE/REPAYMENTS FOR THE NO. 3 ACCOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR 1976. WE HAVE SEALED THIS DOWN TO \$60,000 AS OUR ANALYSIS AT 30 JUNE 1976 COMES TO \$30,000 ONLY. MOREOVER, WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED THE REPAYMENT C/JAI AT THE 31ST DECEMBER 1976 AS THIS AMOUNT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO US FOR THIS YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

FOR YOUR CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION LOANS, YOU USED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED FOR MOVEMENTS TO ISRAEL WHILE THE AMOUNT OF THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS ACCOUNT

WAS FOUND BY DEDUCTION. HOWEVER, THE COST OF MOVEMENTS TO ISRAEL WAS BELOW THE MAXIMUM IN 1974 AND 1975, AND WE EXPECT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME FOR 1976. THE FIGURES IN BOTH ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED, INCLUDING THE ACTUAL COSTS FOR ACCOUNT NO. 3 AS WELL.

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WE BELIEVE THAT THE ESTIMATE OF 3,500 PERSONS TO BE COVERED UNDER BAGGAGE LOAN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIAS IS ON THE LOW SIDE, CONSIDERING THAT THE FIGURE FOR JUNE WAS 1,004 PERSONS. THE JUNE FIGURE WAS ABNORMALLY HIGH, BUT PENDING A REVIEW BEING MADE WITH HIAS OF PROJECTED MOVEMENTS JULY/DECEMBER WE HAVE INCLUDED IN THE ATTACHMENT AN ESTIMATE FOR THE PERIOD JUNE/DECEMBER OF 4,500.

AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE ENCLOSED STATEMENT, WE
ARRIVE AT A GLOBAL DEFICIT OF CLOSE TO \$150,000 FOR
REFUGEES FROM THE USSR AND SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING IS
THUS NECESSARY TO COVER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
CURRENT YEAR.

WE SHALL BE GLAD TO COOPERATE IF ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION SHOULD BE REQUIRED AND HOPE THAT THE
INFORMATION SUPPLIED WILL ENABLE YOU TO INFORM US HOW
YOU WISH US TO DISTRIBUTE THE \$1,483,079 AVAILABLE
AT THE FIRST OF JANUARY 1976 (AS ALREADY MENTIONED
THE \$1,500,000 IN ACCOUNT NO. 3 UNDER PARA ONE ABOVE
BECOMING AVAILABLE LATER). WE SHOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
WRITTEN REPLY ON THIS BECAUSE YOUR LETTER PROVIDES A
SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT DISTRIBUTION THAN WE HAD PREVIOUSLY
UNDERSTOOD FROM VERBAL DISCUSSIONS.

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USG EQUITIES IN NO. 3 AND 4 ACCOUNTS RESTATED:

EX NO. 2 ACCOUNT

1972/5

BROUGHT FORWARD	--
FUNDED FROM NO. 2 ACCT.	485,898
USG CONTRIBUTION	--
PRE/REPAYMENTS	--
INTEREST UP TO 30.6.75	120,370
SERVICE CHARGE	--
TRANSPORT AND RELATED COST	--

BAGGAGE LOANS --
 CASH CARRIED FORWARD 606,268

NO.3 ACCOUNT

	1972/5	1976	
BROUGHT FORWARD	--		(330,245)
FUNDED FROM NO. 2 ACCT.	--	--	
USG CONTRIBUTION	1,000,000		1,500,000
PRE/REPAYMENTS	130,238		60,000
INTEREST UP TO 30/6/75	22,960	--	
SERVICE CHARGE	(13,076)		(15,400)
TRANSPORT AND RELATED			
COST	(1,470,367)		(1,178,100) (1
BAGGAGE LOANS	--		(1,125,000) (2
CASH CARRIED FORWARD		(330,245)	(1,088,745)

NO. 4 ACCOUNT

1972/5 1976
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BROUGHT FORWARD	--		1,207,056
FUNDED FROM NO. 2 ACCT.	--	--	
USG CONTRIBUTION	6,840,000		1,000,000
PRE/REPAYMENTS	2,863,618		383,363 (5
INTEREST UP TO 30/6/75	113,091	--	
SERVICE CHARGE	(16,942)		(15,000)
TRANSPORT AND RELATED			
COST	(8,592,711)		(1,140,000) (3
BAGGAGE LOANS	--		(1,095,000) (4
CASH CARRIED FORWARD		1,207,056	340,419

(1 BASED ON ESTIMATED 7,700 MOVEMENTS AT \$153
 (2 BASED ON ESTIMATED 4,500 MOVEMENTS AT \$250
 (3 BASED ON ESTIMATED 7,500 MOVEMENTS AT \$152
 (4 BASED ON ESTIMATED 7,500 MOVEMENTS AT \$146
 (5 JUNE 30TH INSTALLMENT. ANOTHER \$440,730 IS DUE ON
 31/12/76
 UNQUOTE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF ABOVE REPLY SUFFICIENT IN DETAIL
 TO PLAN TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS. ABRAMS

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